

REMARKS

Interview

As an initial matter, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy and consideration extended to Applicant's undersigned representative, Plymouth Nelson, during the personal interview conducted on October 20, 2009. During the interview, the Amendment filed on October 6, 2009, and the rejections set forth in the Office Action of October 20, 2008 were discussed. Applicant discussed how the pending claims distinguished from the prior art of record, and the Examiner seemed to agree with the Applicant's position. The amendment to claim 12 is consistent with the discussion held during the interview, and the Examiner agreed during the interview that the features of amended claim 12 were not disclosed or rendered obvious by the prior art considered.

Amendment

Claims 12-20 and 23-39 are pending in this application. By this supplemental response, claim 12 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following remarks.

Applicant has amended independent claim 12 to recite a fluid transfer device, including, among other things, "an edge portion formed integrally with the lid portion." By the present amendment, Applicant has amended claim 12 to clarify the structural relationship between the lid portion and the edge portion. As noted above, this change is consistent with the discussion held during the Examiner Interview and was approved by the Examiner.

Conclusion

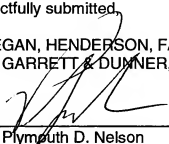
In view of the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and timely allowance of all pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this amendment and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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